(*d*) Yes. The Sub-jail cells are within the view of the Station Writer's desk in these stations and this job does not throw additional burden on the Station Writers to the detriment of efficiency of both the jobs.

## PRICE OF SUGAR

**386.** മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ. —

(എ) സപ്ലൈസു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു വില്ലനു പഞ്ചസാരക്കു് ഒരു വില തന്നെയാണോ ഇപ്പോൾ വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതു്;

(ബി) അല്ലെങ്കിൽ വിവിധ വിലകൾ നിശ്ചയിക്കുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ :

(എ) അല്ല.

(ബി) കാർഡുപ്രകാരമുള്ള പഞ്ചസാര പൌണ്ടിനു് ൫ണ.യും പ്രത്യേക ശീട്ടുപ്രകാരം വാങ്ങുന്ന പഞ്ചസാരക്കു് ൧൦ണ.യും വില നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. മറവുള്ള രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ പഞ്ചസാര വിതരണം കാർഡുകാരന്റെ ധനസ്ഥിതിയെ നോക്കിയിട്ടാണു്. എന്നാൽ അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു പദ്ധതി ഇവിടെ അംഗീകരിക്കുന്നതു് നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നു് തോന്നിയില്ല. കോട്ടയുടെ സ്ഥിതിനോക്കി ആളോഹരി കിട്ടേണ്ട പഞ്ചസാരയുടെ ഒരു തുക നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. പ്രത്യേക ശീട്ടുപ്രകാരം വാങ്ങുന്ന പഞ്ചസാരക്കു് വില കൂട്ടിയാൽ പ്രത്യേകാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഉപയോഗിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്ന പഞ്ചസാരയിൽ കുറവു വരുത്തുവാൻ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ സ്വമനസ്സാലെ ശ്രമിക്കുമെന്നും തൻമൂലം ഈ ഇനത്തിൽ ചിലവു കുറയുമെന്നും പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചു. കാർഡുപ്രകാരം ഉള്ളവരിൽനിന്നു് കൂടുതലായി പഞ്ചസാര വാങ്ങുന്നവരോടു് കൂടുതൽ വില വാങ്ങുന്നതു് നല്ല ഒരു നയമായും ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് കരുതുന്നു.

## LADY DOCTORS IN STATE SERVICE

**387. Mr. S. P. Luiz** *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a shortage of lady doctors in State services;

(*b*) if so will the Government consider taking in hands non-Cochinites, until such time as the Government get suitable recruits from the State?

**Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Public Health)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

## SAPOTA HARVEST—CENTRAL FARM

**388. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who are the persons who purchased the sapota harvest of the Central Farm during the last five years and for what price were they sold in each of these years;

(*b*) whether anybody offered a higher price for the harvest of 1120 than for which it was sold in that year;

(*c*) who offered the higher price and what was the price offered by him;

(*d*) for what price was it sold and to whom was it sold;

(*e*) whether the 1121 harvest was re-auctioned and if so for what amount and who took it in re-auction then;

(*f*) for what amount was it originally auctioned and who took it in auction then;

(*g*) after the original auction whether there was tender for higher amount and if so, by whom and for what amount?

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Minister for Revenue)*:

(*a*)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1117 | M. A. Joseph | Rs. 350 |
| 1118 | K. V. Mohamed | Rs. 490 |
| 1119 | Do. | Rs. 535 |
| 1120 | Pattani Ibrahim | Rs. 649 |
| 1121 | K. Porinchu | Rs. 870 |

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to Question (*b*).

(*d*) Do.

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(*e*) No.

(*f*) K. Porinchu Rs. 870.

(*g*) There was a tender from Mr. K. A. Abbu offering Rs. 920 but he failed to remit the necessary earnest money. So no re-auction was held.

## NAVY VESSELS—PURCHASE OF

389. **Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (1) if they have acquired any Navy vessels from the Disposal Branch of the Roya Indian Navy;

(2) if so, will they please give.—

(*a*) a brief description, capacity, etc., of the different types of vessels purchased;

(*b*) how many of each description;

(*c*) the price paid for each type;

(*b*) (1) the purpose for which these vessels were obtained;

(2) what action they have taken to implement the purpose for which they were purchased at such a big outlay;

(*c*) (1) who was the Government Officer who inspected them and found them suitable for the purpose referred to above;

(2) whether all the vessels were seaworthy;

(3) who was the Officer who took charge of them from the Navy Disposal Branch;

(4) whether there were any spare parts or other accessories in each of them;

(5) whether any Register has been maintained for all the spare parts and accessories;

(*d*) whether in view of the fact that these are Navy vessels requiring expert supervision and maintenance, they have placed the vessels in charge of an experienced Navy man or any other holding a board of Trade certificate or at least a sea going competency certificate;

(*e*) do the Government know that the Travancore Government have also acquired several similar vessels from the Navy Disposal Branch and that they have placed them under the supervision and responsibility of an experienced Retired Navy Officer;

(*f*) if they have any intention of utilising these vessels to run their own backwater ferry services;

(*g*) (1) if all these vessels are in working condition and their power plants in perfect order or whether they require repairs or overhauling and whether their present officers are competent to attend to them;

(2) whether any or all these crafts have been made use of for any purpose since they were acquired and if so for what use they were put to?

**Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan** *(Minister for Public Works):*

(*a*) (1) Yes.

*L. C. T. Mark V*

2. (*a*) Each vessel is equipped with (1) 3 Nos. 225 H.P. Grey marine engines and propellers.

(2) 1 No. 20 KW Hill Engine Generator, and No. 2 KW generator.

(3) Several small engines and motors.

(4) The vessel has a capacity of 180 tons.

(5) It has a water storage capacity of 40,000 gls.

(6) The weight of steel plates in each vessel is 130 tons.

(7) The draft of the vessel is 6½ ft. and speed 7 knots.

*L. C. M. Mark I*

(*b*) Built of steel, length 45 ft. Beam 14 ft. loading capacity 16 tons, passenger capacity 100, fitted with 2 chrysler marine engines.

*Motor fishing vessel*

(*c*) Length 45 ft. Hull of wood and copper sheeted fitted with one chrysler marine engine

L. C. T. Mark V. 9 Nos. at Rs. 17,000 each.

L. C. M. Mark I—4 Nos. at Rs 4,000 each.

Fishing motor vessel 2 Nos. at Rs. 20,000 each.

(*b*) (1) The landing crafts were purchased for the purpose of utilizing them primarily for passenger service in the backwaters.

(2) The vessels are being overhauled and attended to for being put into operation.



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